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1. AS A FOLLOWUP TO THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER'S CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEEG OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND DISCUSSIONS BY THE EMBASSY WITH AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY AND BY SECRETARY BUTZ WITH AG MINISTER ERTL (REF C), EMBOFF PRESENTED THE US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN REF B TO THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS RESPONDED THAT THE FRG FULLY SUPPORTED THE US PROPOSAL WHICH THEY CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING THE SAME GENERAL PURPOSE AS CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S PROPOSAL MADE AT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A WORLD FOODSTUFFS PLAN. THE FRG AGREED WITH THE US SUGGESTION FOR TOPICS FOR THE CONFERENCE. THEY WISHED TO EXCLUDE TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY MATTERS AS WELL AS DISCUSSION OF COMMODITIES WHICH ARE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATION UNDER UNCTAD RESOLUTION 83(III). THEY SUPPORTED THE CHOICE OF ROME AS THE SITE, AND ADDED THAT IF ROME PROVES UNACCEPTABLE TO THE LDCS THEY WOULD THEN PREFER NEW YORK.

3. THE FRG BELIEVES THAT FAO SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND THE RUNNING OF THE CONFERENCE AND THEY WOULD PREFER THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD UNDER JOINT UN/FAO AUSPICES. THEY ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO SOLE UN SPONSORSHIP HOWEVER. IN NO CASE DO THEY WISH TO SEE COSPONSORSHIP BY ANY AGENCY OTHER THAN FAO, I.E., UNCTAD.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTED THAT THEY WANTED THE EC COMMISSION TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE WITH AT LEAST A VOICE IF NOT A VOTE.
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